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Dear Permit Holder:

Now that most of you have new 20 year term permits, I want to inform you of some administrative items for the 2010 summer season.

- a) **Permit Compliance** –With the issuance of new permits some compliance items will still need your attention. I ask that you review your permit and the Recreation Residence Standards and Guidelines to ensure you understand all requirements. The following requirements will specifically be monitored this summer.
- **Outside garbage, food and recycling storage.** Garbage may only be stored outside in an approved bear resistant garbage can. If you do not have an approved model garbage can, all garbage must be stored inside the cabin or storage shed. All food items, including pet food, canned goods (including pop and beer), and ice chests must be stored inside as well. In addition, cans and bottles and any other recyclables that may contain food smells or fragrances must be stored inside.
 - **Bird and animal feeding.** Feeding of birds, hummingbirds, squirrels and other animals is prohibited.
 - **“Window Cling”.** Be sure to place the yellow “Living Smart in Bear Country” informational window cling on a window or door at your cabin. If you have not picked one up yet, you can get one at the Ranger District office or from Debbie Butler. This “cling” contains a checklist of reminders for you and your guests for managing bear and other animal attractants.
- b) **Applications for Construction** – This includes proposals for any changes including; outside maintenance, remodels, additions and replacements, and any project that requires soil disturbance. Because of limited resources we are establishing an “open” season for construction applications.

The following procedure is for construction, remodel, replacement and maintenance requests:

Open Season –New proposals will be considered from September 15 through December 31 each year. By utilizing an “open season” we can better plan our workload and assign the appropriate agency specialists that will need to be involved with each particular project. This process will provide both you and us a better timeline for getting your project approved. Following is a description of how this process will work:

We will begin accepting proposals for new projects on September 15, 2010 and accept them through December 31, 2010; these proposals will be considered for processing prior to the 2011 construction season. To submit a request please fill out the “*Application for Modification/Construction for Recreation Residence Permit Holders*”. Please send the completed application to Debbie Butler at the Priest Lake Ranger District. Your application should be complete as possible. (Please submit your proposal before getting engineered plans completed as we may ask for additional plans or details) Other factors that will determine the priority, time line and cost for analyzing your proposal include:

- a) The proposal is a health and safety issue (highest priority);
- b) Cabin and tract eligibility (eligible for the National Register of Historic Places);
- c) Complexity of the proposal;
- d) Amount of time necessary for the required analysis for approval of the proposal;
- e) When the proposal is received;
- f) Completeness of the proposal.

Contract Historic Architect - Some of you may find it beneficial to hire your own historic architect to conduct the necessary analysis work on your recreation residence. If you are interested in using this method to complete the analysis, you will be provided additional information on how to find an approved Heritage Architect firm.

Cost Recovery – Refers to regulations that were implemented in February 2006 that allow the Forest Service to recover costs associated with processing special use applications and monitoring compliance associated with these proposals. These regulations were published in the Federal Register. Information on cost recovery will be provided to you upon request. Cost recovery may apply to some of you when the analysis of your proposal will take considerable time, generally over 50 hours.

Much has changed over the last few years with the way we conduct business on public land. Our processes are more complex because of new laws, regulations, and increased public awareness. We will work with you to make the transition to the “open season” process as smooth as possible. We appreciate your patience and understanding while we implement this new system.

Site Inventory - Individual site inventory sheets have been completed for your individual cabin and lot. These inventory sheets will give you an idea of the archaeological potential of your lot and heritage status of your cabin and tract. These inventory sheets provide some baseline information on how complex any proposals concerning your lot and cabin might be. Copies of these inventory sheets will be provided to you upon request.

In addition, I've included a separate page with general information and phone numbers for your use. You may want to post this information at your cabin as reminders for your family members and guests.

If you have questions regarding your permits or details outlined in this letter, please contact Debbie Butler at (208) 443-6822. You can also e-mail her at: dabutler@fs.fed.us. Please visit the “summer homes” website at www.fs.fed.usda.gov/goto/summerhomes for additional information.

Sincerely,

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Deputy District Ranger

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INFORMATION & PHONE NUMBERS

Priest Lake Ranger Station Office Hours: The office hours are Monday through Friday, **8:00 a.m. To 4:30 p.m.** (Closed Holidays); phone number (208) 443-2512, fax number (208) 443-6845. If you need to report a forest fire emergency, please call 1-800-CDA-FIRE (232-3473).

Website: www.fs.usda.gov/ipnf

Summer Home link: www.fs.usda.gov/goto/ipnf/summerhomes

Fireworks: The storage, possession and use of fireworks on National Forest System lands are strictly prohibited during the entire year.

Shooting: The use of firearms, bow & arrows, paint ball guns or any implement capable of causing injury, taking human life or damaging property is strictly prohibited within 150 yards of the cabins.

Garbage Transfer Sites: Garbage transfer sites (dumpsters) are located in two places near the lake. The 11 Mile site is located west of Highway 57 at the 11-mile marker. The Dickensheet Transfer site is located east of the Dickensheet junction on the way to Coolin. Both sites provide recycling facilities. For information on either site call (208) 443-3007.

West Lakeshore Road: Contact the Bonner County Road and Bridge Department at (208) 255-5681 with questions regarding the West Lakeshore Road or Reeder Bay Road.

Brush/Slash Disposal: Burning permits are required for slash disposal and are available at the Ranger Station. Do not burn slash on the beach. Small beach campfires in an enclosed area are allowed, however larger fires for slash disposal need to be kept away from the lake. Another option is to haul the slash and yard debris to the Dickensheet Transfer site for disposal.

Dogs: Many of you enjoy bringing your canine family members with you to your cabin. There have been some instances with dogs guarding the Beach Trail, running after people and preventing the public and other cabin owners from feeling comfortable using certain areas. Remember, it is public land and you will need to control or contain your pets in a manner that keeps the public and pet safe.

Public Use of Beach Trail and Beaches: Please remember the Beach Trail (Trail #48) and the beaches that you enjoy are open to the general public. The public can use the beach areas but cannot interfere with your permitted improvements. As use continues to increase at Priest Lake and more people want to enjoy the lake, I ask that you help avoid conflicts of these public areas. When you are not using your personal items or when you are not at your cabin for extended periods of time please consolidate your belongings such as small boats (canoes, rafts), lawn chairs, etc., as much as possible.

Phone Numbers:

Recreation Residences – Debbie Butler: 443-6822

Forest Service Recreation/Campgrounds/Day Use Areas- Mike Thom: 443-6839

Forest Service Trails Information – Lu LeMieux: 443-6817

Idaho Department of Fish & Game – (208) 769-1414 or Rob Soumas: 448-2302

Idaho Department of Lands – 443-2516

